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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kratz (US 4,722,099).

Kratz provides a garment having a front portion and a rear portion (figures 2 and 3). A pair of arms being joined to the front and rear portions (figures 2 and 3, identifiers 62 and 64). Each of the arms having an elbow portion formed from a mesh fabric material and other portions from an artificial leather or leather fabric material (figures 2 and 3, identifiers 88, 62, 64, 92, 94, 90: column 1, lines 63-68 through column 2, lines 1-2). The rear portions having at least one portion formed from a mesh fabric material (figure 3, identifiers 36, 38, 70 and 72: column 5, lines 17-53). The rear portions having a first and second side portions and a central portion wherein each of the first and second side portions are formed from a stretch fabric material (figure 3, identifiers 36, 38, 70 and 72; column 5, lines 17-53). The central portion is formed from an artificial leather of a leather material (figure 3, identifiers 102: column 1, lines 63-68 through column 2, lines 1-3). It is inherent that the mesh of Kratz has stretch since, Kratz uses flexible cloth mesh in the shoulder vents which is diagramed as the same mesh used in the elbows, underarms and sides of the back vents in the jacket, flexible cloth mesh has

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stretch. It is further inherent that the artificial leather used in the body of the garment is non-stretch. Artificial leather's are made by a woven base to which a solid and expanded vinyl substance is added making it non-stretch.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kratz in view of Blauer et al. (US 5,593,754).

Kratz provides a garment as described above in claim 10. However, Kratz fails to teach a liner within the garment formed from a breathable waterproof stretch fabric material and an adjacent stretch film material layer next to the stretch fabric material layer. Blauer et al. provides a garment having a liner formed of a breathable waterproof stretch fabric material and an adjacent stretch film material layer next to the stretch fabric material layer (figures 3 and 4, identifiers 22, 24, 30, 32 and 34: column 8, lines 5-19).

It would have been obvious to have provided the outer garment of Kratz with the liner of Blauer et al., since the dual liner would provide the outer garment of Kratz with superior breathability, water fastness and stretchability keeping the user dryer, cooler, more comfortable.

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5. Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kratz in view of Lipson (US 2,002,955).

Kratz provides an outer garment as described above in claim 10. However, Kratz fails to teach the outer garment having a hood that is detachable and collapsible to the outer garment.

Lipson provides an outer garment having a hood that is detachable and collapsible to the outer garment (figures 1-6, identifiers 2, 10, 12, 6 and 8: page 1, column 2, lines 12-45).

It would have been obvious to have provided the outer garment of Kratz with the hood of Lipson, since the outer garment of Kratz having a detachable and collapsible hood would provide the user with a hood that can protect the wearer's head from the elements and can also be detached and stored when not needed by the wearer.

Conclusion

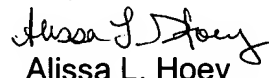
6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Johns, Engel, Artzt, Werber, Schudson, Myers, Ingram, III, Meyers, Polsky, Brumfield, Harvey, Aldridge et al., Smith, Hall, Seamans, Lacoste, Wedge, Jr., Golde, Moses, Baxter, Wallerstein and Grilliot et al. are all cited to show closely related garments.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alissa L. Hoey whose telephone number is (703) 308-6094. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30) Second Friday Off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert can be reached on (703) 305-1025. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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